

DASA Events & Successes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Drug Free Washington Month Contact: Washington State Alcohol/Drug Clearinghouse (800) 662-9111, clearinghoues@adhl.org, or http://clearinghouse.adhl.org				1	2	3
* National Alcohol Awareness Month National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence: (800) 622-2255 or www.ncadd.org/programs/awareness						
* Child Abuse Prevention Month Approximately one in four children in the United States lives with a parent who misuses alcohol or other drugs, placing them at increased risk for physical abuse or neglect. Contact: www.wa.gov/dshs/geninfo/endharm.html or www.preventchildabuse.org						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				*8 National Alcohol Screening Day For assistance with sponsoring an event, contact: National Mental Illness Screening Project, (781) 239-0071 or http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol.htm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
* 19-23 Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training , Western WA, contact: Dixie Grunenfelder, 877-301-4557 or grunedd@dshs.wa.gov						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
* 25 - 30 29th Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference , Rapid City, SD. Contact: Melanie TwoEagle (605) 867-5161						

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Drug Free Washington Month

Drug Free Washington Month is observed every April to raise awareness among Washington’s families and communities about drug prevention, and to celebrate the people who make prevention a success in their communities.

The theme for DFWM 2004 is “Show the World That We Can Be Drug Free”. The theme was submitted by Laura Michelle Dick, an 11th grade student at Lake Roosevelt High School in Nespelem. Laura and her winning theme were recognized at the October 2003 State Prevention Summit by Lt. Governor Brad Owen, and by the Colville Tribe’s Tobacco Prevention Program, which Laura participates in.

Prevention resources to distribute during Drug Free Washington Month, and throughout the year, are available from the Washington State Alcohol/Drug Clearinghouse, 1-800-662-9111 or clearinghouse@adhl.org.



ROOF Center Kids’ Place - Thurston County

Two years ago, a boy named John was such a problem that his teachers were instructed to evacuate classrooms when he became angry.

John met with school officials before school daily to develop a behavior contract, and he was required to carry the contract with him at all times. He required constant, close supervision and was failing in school.

Then John made it to the top of the waiting list for Kids’ Place, a state-funded program of Rochester Organization of Families (ROOF). Kids’ Place is an after-school and summer program serving 50 at-risk youth referred by school counselors and teachers. ROOF Center program director Kellie McNelly says “Kids’ Place uses a combination of evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention programs, games, academic and creative work, and good, old-fashioned caring to achieve its results.”

John’s school recommended that Kids’ Place continue daily behavior contracts with John. After his first week in which he had no major discipline problems or misbehavior, McNelly pulled John aside to praise him for his wonderful week.

“It was like for the first time in his life, someone was proud of his behavior. He got on the bus that afternoon with his head held high. He was able to attend the entire summer program without having a daily behavior contract,” McNelly said.

John went on to do well academically the following school year, and did not have a behavior contract at school during the following 18 months.

Some other outcomes experienced by youth and families in this program:

- ☒ 70% of youth who began the year reading below grade level ended the year reading at, or above, grade level
- ☒ Youth who were involved in the best practice program Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies were better able to identify their feelings and problem-solve at the end of the program

McNelly says the keys to Kids’ Place success are close communication with schools and providing transportation from schools to the program. The ROOF Community Resource Center is also home to the community’s clothing and food bank for families in need. Kids’ Place is staffed by one fulltime staff, three part-time staff, and volunteers, who are also a critical component of the program’s success.



Tyler and Martin



Alberto, Josh, and Isreal

Nearly one out of every five Washington 8th graders uses alcohol regularly. Teen drinking is associated with alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, school failure, unintentional injuries, and death.